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Turner Classic Movies: The Essentials: 52 Must-See Movies And Why They Matter



Synopsis

Showcasing 52 Essential films from the golden age to the present, Turner Classic Movies invites you into a world filled with stirring performances, dazzling musical numbers, and bold directorial visions that mark the greatest moments in film history. These are movies that define what it means to be a classic. Readers can enjoy one film per week, for a year of stellar viewing, or indulge in their own classic movie festival.

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Customer Reviews

I've ordered two of these books. I am a classic film lover and a TCM fan. What could make a better combination for me? Turner Classic Movies decided which movies would be part of their 15 year series "The Essentials". A movie a week has been suggested for the old fan or an introduction for the person exploring the classics for the first time (like my DILs). We are told why each film was selected and what to look for (helpful for me because I would never be considered a film historian). The pictures alone (Robert Mitchum and Kirk Douglas together) would be enough reason to buy this book.

Interesting selections and carefully reviewed. Most fun: the section for each movie titled, "What to Look For." Many of these will be movies you have seen-but with what to look for you will find an additional dimension. Well done, Mr. Arnold!

I bought one for me and, later, one as a gift. It's a great read that makes you want to see (or see

again) each movie - without spoiling them. The pictures are also great, with many behind-the-scenes, which are cool. I studied film in college many years ago, and this felt like a refresher course.

This is truly a wonderful book from my favorite station Turner Classic Movies. The book is well written: the overviews are great, the sidebars, the pictures everything about this book is wonderful. The only criticism that I have is that it's too short! I wish there was more and I hope the Turner will continue to add more to this book in the future. Well written by Jeremy Arnold and thank God for Turner Classic Movies!

I have always been a fan of TCM. The Essentials is one of my favorite segments on the channel. This is a very well written book. I like the way it is laid out. The best is the "what to look for" segment. I have looked through my movie collection. There are few films I don't have. This book will be a good guide on if I buy the movies. Thank you, TCM! Turner Classic Movies: The Essentials: 52 Must-See Movies and Why They Matter

I absolutely love this little gem, a beautiful re-cap of some wonderful classics. For the several films I have not seen, I'm even more excited now to see them! I love all the photos included that are perfectly curated to give us heart and insight to the film being featured and the "what to look for" bit is a fabulous addition! It's such a nice book and great gift for anyone who enjoys learning more about films in general. Easy, delicious, fun read! Looking mighty lovely on my coffee table.

This documentary lists the choices of the staff at TCM. I agree with many of them, but there are some I never would have considered. Overall, a VERY interesting read for a movie enthusiast, I recommend it to all.

This book is everything reviews said it would be. I have enjoyed all but three of The Essentials movies many times, so I will be looking for those missing three as I receive my monthly issues of TCM guide. Although I have just started reading the in-depth particulars of each movie, this book promises to be a great addition to my other film-related books. The book arrived in prime condition, just as all items have in the past. Thank you !

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